

**Leading the Way on Cape Cod Managed by Massachusetts  
Minority State Police Officers Association**

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**State Rep Patrick Speaks at 1<sup>st</sup> Graduation Day For Cape Cod Youth Leadership Program Managed by Minority State Troopers**

**Leading the Way on Cape Cod Program's Graduation Day - August 28, 2003 - Cape Verdean Club - 126 Sandwich Road - E. Falmouth - 7 to 9PM**

State Representative Matthew C. Patrick will be speaking on "Learning Leadership" at the graduation of the Massachusetts Minority State Police Officers Association's Leading the Way Program on Cape Cod. In collaboration with George Spivey, Equity/Affirmative Action Officer, for the Falmouth Public Schools and the Town of Falmouth, eight High school students are now being offered youth leadership and intern opportunities.

The goal of Leading the Way is to prepare teens for leadership roles in the 21st century. To achieve this goal, Leading the Way has identified four important objectives for teenagers' success:

- Strengthen academic skills
- Develop personal leadership skills
- Facilitate access to resources
- Build community connections

Leading the Way is closely connected to the Future Business and Technology Leaders Initiative, a project that focuses on the students working and applying technology to become future entrepreneurs and leaders in Boston. Brenda J. Martínez, Chief Operating Officer of AccuComp Enterprises, and former Assistant Deputy Commissioner for the City of Boston, designed this exceptional program. Deborah Ward, the Executive Director of the Future Business and Technology Leaders Initiative, is one of the counselors of LWCCP. FLBTLI has over 100 graduates and has been operating for four years.

"It's fun and interesting way to prepare for the future," says Mario Andrade, program participant, and among "Top 5% in Academic Achievement Excellence for High School Students" (2003). Chad Baptiste, program participant, hired by capecontractor.com as an intern feels "It's a Great Experience." Chris Corriveau founded CapeContractor.com, upon returning to Cape Cod after working for several years in California's Silicon Valley.

"When I was in high school, George Spivey believed in me, and that made a difference in my life", Sheila Bucchino, Admissions Representative, National Graduate School, and former student of Falmouth High School stated. Her talk "College Is For You" was inspirational. Bishop Filipe C. Teixeira, DFSJC, came from Dorchester to share his message of ethical reasoning and personal responsibility. Tia Averett, program participant, wrote in a thank you letter to Bishop Teixeira, "I will think of how my new knowledge will benefit the welfare of my people."

"This program made me feel comfortable in the workplace and provided me the skills to be a leader," was Ryan Hergt's opinion. He plans to pursue law enforcement in college, in addition to continuing athletics. "Great way to meet new people and learn new things," declared Addison Savela, also a participant.

The graduates will choose the recipient of the **George Neves Leighton Leadership Award**. President Ford appointed Judge Leighton to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in 1976. He served on the District Court from 1976 to 1986. Judge Leighton was the first African-American lawyer to sit on the Board of Managers of the Chicago

Bar Association, the first African-American judge to serve as a Chancellor in the Circuit Court of Cook County and the first African-American judge to sit on the Illinois Appellate Court.

**Born:** New Bedford, Massachusetts-October 22, 1912. **Education:** (B.A., magna cum laude, 1940); Harvard University School of Law (LL.B. 1946). Judge Leighton is invited to make the presentation. He currently resides in Plymouth.

The fall session will begin September 13<sup>th</sup>. Applications need to be submitted by August 29<sup>th</sup>. George Spivey has arranged for the Falmouth High School computer lab to be available. The National Graduate School will be used for speakers and presentations. The Cape Verdean Club will be where all the materials for the Program will be kept, including the student projects. For more information contact Brenda at: (617) 549-0425 or email: [bmartinez@accuce.com](mailto:bmartinez@accuce.com).